

MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Partial cut and regeneration cut harvest of State Timber, Wehl Ridge Timber Sale, Application No. 30-074492 and Forest Practice Application No.2702790.

Description of mitigation: Approx. 10 acres of both the northeast and northwest boundaries were pulled back to gentler gradients to prevent any potential destabilization of slopes by harvest operations. Skid trails will be water barred on steeper areas to direct runoff to the forest floor. A 300 foot no harvest area has been left between Units #1, #2, #3 and #4. This untreated area protects three Type 5 streams. All other Type 5 streams are protected by 30' Equipment Limitation Zone (ELZ). Timber harvest in these zones will be directionally felled away from the streams with designated skid trails to remove felled timber. The seasonal wet spot (approx. one acre) in the NE corner of Unit #1 has a 50' ELZ buffer. On Unit #1 an average of the healthiest and largest 23 trees, with a diameter range from 10 to 28 inches, have been left for structure and regeneration. On Unit #2, #3 and #4 an average of twelve to fifteen of the healthiest and best trees to the acre will remain for structure as well as cover for the trees to be hand planted in the units. We will create one snag per acre by topping one of our planned leave trees. Wildlife Reserve Trees and Green Recruitment Trees will be left scattered throughout the sale area and clumped in the riparian areas.

Proponent: State of Washington, Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: parts of Section 16, Township 20 North, Range 16 East, W.M., Kittitas County, approximately 9 miles northeast of Cle Elum, WA located off of the Red Bridge county road.

Lead agency: State of Washington, Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ **There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.**

☒ **This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from October 27, 2003. Comments must be submitted by November 10, 2003.**

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.

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